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MEMORANDUM FOR: Subgroup on EDIC Functions and Operations  
SUBJECT : Suggested Topics for Subgroup Discussion

1. An EDIC Subgroup on Functions and Operations was established on 28 April to study EDIC/AM-10, "Balance-Sheet of EDIC Accomplishments and Shortcomings under its Terms of Reference." The Subgroup was requested to refer its conclusions and recommendations to EDIC prior to production of the annual progress report so that the Committee might have the benefit of the Subgroup's findings. The principal members of FOA/MDAC, Commerce, Defense and State (OIR and ECD) compose the Subgroup which is chaired by the Executive Secretary.

2. The following topics are suggested for discussion by the Subgroup:

a) Review of Basic Documents

IWG (EDIC) Terms of Reference - are they adequate and applicable to current EDAC needs? What revisions, if any, are required, such as deletion of reference to NSC 104/2? Should specific reference be made to EDIC support of JOC and Commerce economic defense elements?

EDAC D-48, "Intelligence Working Group Procedures" - are revisions necessary to adapt this paper to current EDAC needs? What measures are required to insure observance of its provisions by both intelligence and action elements?

ED/EC D-60/1, "Proposed FY 1955 OIR Economic Defense Staffing Program" - This paper states in part that "project requests for intelligence research will normally be initiated through the IWG (EDIC)". Also, that "OIR project contributions will be referred to the IWG (EDIC) for review and comment." How do OIR and MDAC interpret these statements?

b) Utilization of EDIC Facilities

1. Since July 1954 what requests for economic defense intelligence have EDAC, the Executive Committee, the EDAC Working Groups, and the action agencies levied upon the

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intelligence community? Of these requests, which have been channelled through the EDIC? Why was EDIC bypassed in the placing of other such requests? Was the intelligence received directly from the intelligence community both timely and adequate?

2. Since July 1954, what economic defense support - projects, evaluations, papers, etc. - has been furnished to EDAC and the action agencies directly by the intelligence community? In which instances were EDIC facilities utilized? Why was support furnished directly to the requester in some instances rather than being channelled through EDIC?

3. Has EDIC support been timely and adequate to the needs of EDAC and, if not, what deficiencies have been apparent? Can methods be devised to speed the initiation, production and review of EDIC intelligence?

c) Future Work Program for EDIC

1. Should closer EDIC, AAP and DCN relationships be established and should any amalgamation of such activities be undertaken? Is a clarification of EDIC and EIC relationships required? Should the EDIC Executive Secretary attend meetings of the EDAC Working Groups when intelligence support problems are scheduled for discussion?

2. How can EDIC participate more fully in the programming of research requirements for economic defense and in the allocation of project responsibilities within the intelligence community? Should EDIC concentrate its efforts, largely through the subgroup concept, in the general area of intelligence procedures and methods rather than on the production of "coordinated" intelligence studies?

3. Should EDIC take a more active role in developing standby facilities and procedures for intelligence support for an economic warfare program?

4. What can EDIC provide in the way of intelligence regarding new technological developments which effect the export control program?

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3. It is suggested that Subgroup members be prepared to frankly state the position and attitude of their respective agencies regarding the utility of the EDIC. The Subgroup will be asked to discuss the essentiality of EDIC as a mechanism for economic defense support and to indicate the support and cooperation which will be provided EDIC by each member agency during the coming year.

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